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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the certified copy of Applicant's counterpart German application:

**German patent application no. 199 35 986.5**  
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upon which Applicant's claim for priority is based.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of this document.

Respectfully submitted,

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Die angehefteten Stücke sind eine richtige und genaue Wiedergabe der ursprünglichen Unterlagen dieser Patentanmeldung.

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